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Dear King Members, Friends, and Family:

If you've been following along with the COVID-19 case counts released by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, you've seen that the number of people testing positive in our state has been rapidly increasing. In fact, while it took seven and a half months to count the first 100,000 cases in Wisconsin, it took only the last 36 days to get to 200,000 cases. As the state's Chief Medical Officer and Epidemiologist for Communicable Disease, Dr. Ryan Westergaard, said at a recent press briefing, "this is really a concerning scenario."

This kind of community spread continues to make it difficult for all long-term care communities to keep the virus off campus; however, please know that all our staff on the front lines – from the nurses to food service teams to housekeeping and more – are fighting to keep your loved ones protected. We have some of the most dedicated staff around who care deeply for the members they serve.

When COVID-19 appears in any nursing home in the state, it triggers mandatory inspection by regulators. I am proud to report regulators inspected Ainsworth Hall and Olson Hall this week and **we received no citations!** This means that we have implemented – and everyone here is following – the infection control practices and protocols that are required of us.

That said, even with our best efforts, COVID-19 continues to grow on our campus. Today, I am reporting that five more members and three more staff have tested positive for coronavirus since yesterday. And, while we celebrate the recoveries of three members and three staff since yesterday, we mourn the passing of one member who had COVID-19. Everyone here sends our condolences to that member's family and friends.

Please help us by keeping yourselves healthy and encourage those in our communities to protect themselves and others as well. As always, please, please stay home as much as possible, wear a mask when you must go out, maintain at least six feet of distance between yourself and others, and wash your hands frequently – for your protection and ours.

Sincerely,

Tammy Servatius, Commandant